

**City of Gresham**  
**Coalition of Neighborhood Associations**  
**July 13, 2010 – Springwater Trail Room, Gresham City Hall**

**as approved**  
**8/10/10**

**Meeting Minutes**

NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES	NEIGHBORHOOD	ATTENDEES
ASERT	<i>John Vandermosten</i>	Northeast	NOT ACTIVE
Centennial		North Gresham	<i>Erynn Woods</i>
Central City	<i>Clint Holly, Nancy Edmison</i>	Northwest	<i>Bill Humbert, Barbara Adams</i>
Gresham Butte		Gresham Pleasant Valley	
Hollybrook	NOT ACTIVE	Powell Valley	<i>Thomas Griffith</i>
Kelly Creek	<i>Carol Rulla</i>	Rockwood	<i>John Bildsoe, Catherine Nicewood</i>
Mt. Hood	<i>Anita Daily</i>	Southwest	<i>Suzan Wells</i>
North Central		Wilkes-East	<i>Marc Thornsberry, Curt Duvall</i>
Guests:	<i>Cathy Harrington, Rod Park, Colin Diverell, Nicole Cousino, Shirley Craddick</i>		

**WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order by Carol Rulla, Coalition President, at 7:00 pm.

**Quorum:** Ten (10) neighborhood associations were represented with elected board members; constituting a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** John Vandermosten moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2010. Bill Humbert seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Rod Park – Metro Councilor, Desired Activity Levels & Amenities in our City** . Colin Diverell was present to take notes based on comments of the group. Councilor Park made a presentation to the Coalition titled “Desired Activity Levels & Amenities in our City”. The presentation included a comparison of Gresham’s Downtown/Civic area with Portland’s Nob Hill area which is similar in size and demographics. Gresham’s area had far fewer shops and public amenities as well as much less density (4 dwelling units per acre in Gresham’s Downtown/Civic area vs. 28 units per acre). Some of the questions before the group were, what amenities make up the urban living structure and where do we invest public funds. It is estimated that the metro area is \$30B short in needed upgrades. Metro has been working to create Urban & Rural reserves and is responsible for expanding the urban growth boundaries for housing (20 year supply) which also requires land reserves that support jobs for that housing.

Clint Holly – Center for the Arts site needs more of an anchor for that area. Has noticed that many businesses are being successful in smaller spaces and are not trying to get bigger.

Tom Griffith – How does the transport of hazardous materials figure into the urban growth boundaries? Don’t we need more fire stations, police to support expanded boundaries? Do the statistics take into account public safety issues?

Barb Adams – Likes to walk and feels safer with more people out in Downtown area. Appreciated Arts Plaza public restroom, but it needs a drinking fountain.

John Bildsoe – Has lived in the Nob Hill area many years ago.

Erynn Woods – Has also lived in SE Portland area and recently moved to Gresham. Misses the attractions that encourage moms with young children to walk and visit local shops and public spaces.

**For questions:** Rod Park, Metro Councilor, District 1, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland OR 97232  
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**Proposed Letter to Attorney General – Public Meetings Law:** Does the proposed letter reflect the questions the Coalition might have? How do Neighborhood Associations fit into the Public Meetings Law with regard to voting issues, etc? Letter suggests adding a section to Public Meetings Law and suggested provisions which need modification for groups like NA's, and suggests Oregon's "Good Samaritan Law" specify that "Civic Organizations" are protected. One issue not in letter – the City Attorney interprets Public Meetings Law to prohibit a secret ballot election; is not clear at all whether that applies to NA elections. Members felt this was not a problem as NA elections were more like general elections, and letter did not need to include that issue.

**MOTION:** John Vandermosten moved and Marc Thornsburry seconded a motion to send the proposed letter to the Attorney General as presented. John Vandermosten moved to close debate and move the question. Closed debate on the motion by voice vote. Motion passed. 8 yeas, 1 abstention.

**Nicole Cousino – Sustainable Gresham Community Plan & Partnerships:** The Sustainability Survey is currently going on and will end August 31. To participate, go online to the City of Gresham website. Nicole has reminder cards that can be handed out in the neighborhoods. Nicole asked if the Coalition and NA's would want to become a partner with Sustainable Gresham? What does a partner do? Name is put on promotional materials, etc. Identify the level of interest throughout Gresham by individuals and organizations. Right now, the City is just building a network of those who are interested in sustainability. Coalition will considered becoming a partner at a later meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ◆ 6:30pm, July 14, 2A, Green Ribbon Task Force on Parks meets to hear consultant's survey results.
- ◆ Carol Rulla passed out a copy of the DES info on events and street projects.
- ◆ Retail Design Public Forum, August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm in the Oregon Trail Room at Gresham City Hall.
- ◆ August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm, Community Forum on Urban Forestry Plan
- ◆ National Night Out, August 3. Party registration deadline July 20. Register with Kelle Landavazo at 503-618-2567 or kelle.landavazo@greshamoregon.gov.
- ◆ Catherine Nicewood - Annual backpack giveaway for kids at the Powell Center in Rockwood. The goal is to give away 500 backpacks. Sept. 2, 3pm to 7pm. Contact the Center for Family Success to pre-register.
- ◆ Tom Griffith – Toyota dealership on Hogan is looking to expand. Architect is coming out to speak to citizens at ENN meeting Thursday @ 6:30pm, July 15<sup>th</sup> at Greater Gresham Baptist Church.
- ◆ Arts Plaza will host the Third Thursday event this Thursday, July 15.
- ◆ ASERT had ENN meeting for a funeral parlor on Powell.
- ◆ Rockwood has had some ENN on communication antennas going up in the area going from 60 ft. to 80 ft. If anyone has any information on possible health risk issues on these antennas, please send it out.
- ◆ Fairview site has been chosen for USS Ranger to be used for tourist attraction, education, emergency base, etc. Some Coalition members had concerns about traffic, etc.
- ◆ Teddy Bear parade participation by the Coalition? Parade is in September 25. \$20/\$25 for registration.

**MOTION:** Clint Holly moved to have the Coalition participate in the 2010 Teddy Bear Parade and made a \$20 donation toward the registration fee. Marc Thornsburry seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Anita Daily, GCNA Secretary-Treasurer.

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 10, 2010 – Springwater Trail Room

*NOTE: The Gresham Coalition of Neighborhood Associations is referred to in the minutes as either "Coalition" or "GCNA". Neighborhood Associations are referred to in the minutes as either "NA or NA's".*